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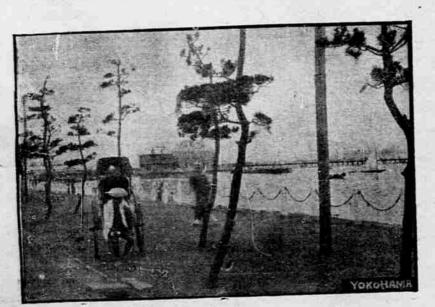
THE LAND OF THE RISING SUN.

A VISIT TO "OUR LITTLE BROWN BRETHEN."

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The frank and cordial invitation from Japan to factorized as settled a whole lot of things in a very pleasant way. In the first place it establishes amicable relations with Japan in place of the suspicion and distrust which have reigned for several months.

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have it go to Japan. There seemed then a sullenness in the attitude of both countries which would make this highly impolitic. To have the fleet go to Japan might be made to appear, in the eyes of some, an act of browbeating, a shaking of our fist under Japan's nose and a display of our muscle to intimidate her. Nor did it seem wise for our fleet to go to China. Japan's attitude to China was such that a visit of the fleet will, instead of being a biuff or a menace, take the same form that its visits have to other countries. That is, as that of a friendly call in full dress, and with much ceremony upon a nation whom we delight to honor and to assure of our distinguished esteem. After visiting Japan our fleet can go in the same free manner, without any sinister thought to call upon our great neighbor. China.

A Highly Important Visit.

All that we have said before is, however, very far from being all of the matment to her to stand up firmly against the demands of the Land of the Chrysanthemum. There was still another consideration, which may seem trivial but it is of that nature that has more than once brought a war feeling to a crisis and precipitated a struggle. As it well known, the sailors on a manof-war reflect quite accurately the tem-



bulk of our exports to Japan are cotbulk of our exports to Japan are cotton, ker ine, engines, locomotives, electrical pparatus and machinery of all kinds. British India is our chief competitor in the sale of cotton, but the Indian cotton is inferior to our and the it brings a much less price. American cotton is preferred for the better class of goods. We are supplymarket, while Hong Kong and Germany sell the most of the sugar the Japanese buy. On the other hand we buy three-fourths of the tea which the among the local talent of the port.

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ing sale at higher prices.

It was supposed that the lowness of wages in Japan would give them an immense advantage over this country, but this has not been realized. Low wages mean inferior men and inferior products, and where Japan has been most successful in her manufactures, she has had to pay wages comparable with those in this country.

An Intensely Interesting Country.

Aside from poetic and sentimental reasons Japan is one of the most interesting countries in the world and especially in her sociological and political phases. In the course of centuries Japan has developed a civilization of the highest order, but absolutely unlike that with which we are faly unlike that with which we are familiar or which has ever existed in the countries with which we have his



out his brethren and was the real em-peror under the name of the Shogun, that it is almost a certainty half of the For centuries Japan had been hermetsealed to the rest of the world, holding only communication with Kothe annual reception of the calendar from Peking. Foreigners landing on Japanese shores were either massacred or sent out of the kingdom at once. The entering wedge for a mighty change in all this came with the visit of Commander Perry, in 1854, which resulted in a treaty with the United States and opening several ports to for-eign residence and trade. In 1860 a Japanese Embassy visited the United states and in the following year an embassy was sent to the European Courts. This gave great dissatisfaction to a strong party in the empire, which was

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herents of Secretary of War William Howard Taft. There is a growing readiness to concede his nomination in all the fortified camps of Presidential candidates. The importance that attaches to a probable Presidential nominee and to a probable Presidential nominee and to a possible prospective President is at-taching to the Secretary of War. The campaign is plainly entering upon a new era. The watchful politicians al-most unconsciously indicate it by their attitude of increasing deference to the genial good-patting industries. genial, good-natured, industrious head of the War Department.

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with the citizens for a season. State of the South and for the South and the ground there is closely contested. Maryland and West Virginia are going to be for Taft; Kentucky, which has as many delegates as both Maryland and West Virginia together, will be for Fairbanks. The big Southern states, like Texas and Georgia, have not held conventions, but it is assured in advance that those and other Southern advance that those and other Southern advance that those and other Southern and the ground there is closely contested. Maryland and West Virginia are going to be for Taft; Kentucky, which has as many delegates as both Maryland and West Virginia together, will be for Fairbanks. The big Southern that would make that the pour or the ticket with Taft or with any other candidate from the Middle West who might be nominated.

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delegates, which would be at least 491, will not be instructed for him. A great many delegates friendly to him will be rea and China. This communication rea and China. This communication uninstructed and free to vote for some uninstructed and free to vote for some other candidate, could it be shown that some other nomination would be safer

and better for the party. Somebody is still doing a tremendous amount of forceful work against Secretary Taft's nomination. It may be a group of men, for the object is not altogether clear, or it may be a group of opposition forces—organized labor, negros, prohibitionists and others who do not welcome the Secretary's elevation to the Presidency. Unquestionably certain of the rival candidates are back of some of this work. It may be Knox, Fairbanks or Cannon, all of whom are known to be hopeful still.

abouts the roster of delegates will be pretty well made up. There will be a good bunch of uninstructed men from New England, New Jersey and a few other States, and a big lot of contests from the South. Among these contestants and contested will be a large tants and contestees will be a large number of uninstructed delegates also Thereupon a new kind of campaign will be begun. The effort will be to impress these uninstructed delegates with Secretary Taft's unavailability as a vote secretary Tart's unavailability as a vote getter. For a month or so the country may expect a new era of very vigorous campaigning before the convention meets. The Taft managers are very well aware of that kind of a program, and are therefore straining every pervention.

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ing that his chances are far from for-lorn. His friends have been advancing under Joe Cannon, exasperated, called Uncle Joe Cannon, exasperated, called Uncle Joe Cannon. They together his Rules Committee. They decided not to bind with ropes, but to would have the best opportunity of getlieving that, as an Ohlo-born man, he would have the best opportunity of getting that delegation should it ever happen that Secretary Taft could not be nominated. His tariff revision program is calculated to attract strong revision stocks. His muzzle. It makes a leaders of Senate and House that Congress should authorize one new battle-ship a year for the purpose of keeping the Navy up to its fighting efficiency without materially increasing its size. The outlook is that the House and like-stocks like Massachusetts Iown. Illinois sentetives demonstrating how men canpendent of the central authority, paying taxes in bushels of rice and acknowledging a suzerainty.

It worked out that the Mikado, or Emperor, became merely a religious and ceremonial figure-head, with the actual power in the hands of one of the great Daimios, who had whipped out his brethren and was the real emount of the central authority, paying taxes in bushels of rice and acknowledging a suzerainty.

Still Time for the Unexpected.

And yet, with April half gone and the Chicago Convention quite two months (Chicago Convention quite two months and Kansas. While his nomination at a state like Massachusetts, Iowa, Illinois States like Massachusetts, Iow

held there Saturday demonstrated that President Roosevelt is absolutely in control. Gov. Hughes was indorsed, but it was all done so perfunctorily as to show how easily the big Empire State delegation of 78 will flock to other standards the moment it can find a legitimate excuse.

There is much talk at the Capitol in favor of an early adjournment. The tentative date of May 9 has already been appropriation bill was under consideration. The special rule, ingeniously fixed, which would give Congress about the House automatically three weeks more to finish. It is begit mate excuse, along the resident of the resident of



tion was reversed. It was in one of the

Vice President Fairbanks is known to be relying upon such a contingency, and he is holding to his delegates and getting as many more as possible, believing that his chances are far from forlorn. His friends have been advancing his boom in numerous ways of letting as many more as possible to the continuous continuous and the very last moment. To augment their embarrassment the Republicans of the House are having a terrific struggle with the President over the authorization of four big battleships. He still insists that there shall the continuous continuous

A strong desire for Taft support has kept all his opponents from attacking him or the Administration with any vigor. They have counted all along that the Taft good will might be an important asset to them in the convention, provided they could keep the Secretary from the nomination on the first and second ballots.

This binding and gagging, which exists only metaphorically, of course, consists of restricting the usual privileges that attaches to a member's participation in House proceedings. For instance, roll calls on adjournment and on approval of the journal were incidents of the Democratic filibuster to emphasize a desire for some of the This binding and gagging, which ex-Secretary from the nomination on the first and second ballots.

The Hughes Boom.

The approximate collapse of the Hughes boom in New York, on the other hand, is quite as dispiriting to the Taft opposition as it is encouraging to the Secretary. The State Convention held there Saturday demonstrated that President Roosevelt is absolutely in the House to remain in continuous sestimates a desire for some of the President's legislative program and also roll calls on going into Committee of the Whole to consider appropriation bills. It was easy for the minority to consume two or three hours every afternoon in roll calls, when time is becoming very precious. To avoid that a special rule was brought in permitting the House to remain in continuous ses-Tokugawa cian, and they took advantage of these acts to rise in open insurrection. There was a sayage civil war, in which the Shogun was defeated, compelled to resign his office and retired from public life. Instead of restoring the hermetic condition the victors became more liberal than the vanquished.

Reforming the Government.

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Nevertheless, after all has been said about the terrible proceeding, the Dem-ocrats seem to have a sort of satisfac-tion because of their predicament. They think they are making martyrs of them-AND FOOT. Selves before the country. They are calling attention to the fact that there is a Democratic Party in the House, something which in recent years many with the people a few months later on, when he could not visit the State without it being very apparent that he was a control of the Secretary got out into the Western that he was already held cover by the Secretary got out into the Western that he was already held covernity he took a long-distance shot at the Peerless One, and the Peerless One, and the Peerless One, and the Peerless One, and the Peerless One returned the compilment.

Frankly the Washington observers, who are generally pretty feen about such things, think it will to about all over by the end of April. The Taff boom is unquestionably growing, growing daily in different sections of the country. This growth precages a very tame convention at Chicago, altho a few months ago it was generally expected that it would be the liveliest, most interesting convention, sand the secretary cannot the West have already bean chosen, but big States like Pennsylvania and New York, whose delegates in the main will be for favorite sons, have yet to elect most of their men. Something like a most of their men. Something like a most of their men. Something like a few months ago it was generally expected that it would be the liveliest, most interesting convention, scrapplest, most interesting convention at California may add a nice litem to the Taft total scrapplest, most interesting convention and California has but 29 delegates and but Cali

The spectacle is an unusual methods now in vogue. That congress. It has not happened before many members grieve, because nearly for 16 years, when the political situabills of interest to the home folks which Crisp Congresses, when the Republican they hope to get enacted into law. The then an ex-Speaker, kept acting so bad-ly by forcing roll call after roll call that the Democratic majority could not do the Democratic majority could not do business. Eventually the Republicans, under Reed's leadership, became so under Reed's leadership, became so the appropriation bills may pass. And troublesome that great coils of rope the appropriation bills may pass. And yet no one can tell what may happen in the very closing days of the session. A supply of gags. Every Republican was

PROSPECTS OF ADJOURNMENT.

May 9 Talked Of As the Date Likely 10 be Nearer the End of May-Members Anxious to Get Away to Attend to Their Fences.

There is much talk at the Capitol in